

## **MINUTES**

### **PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD**

**March 7, 2007**

**Room 474 - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - 8:30 A.M**  
**Heber Wells Building**  
**160 East 300 South**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**CONVENED:** 8:48 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 10:02 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Dudley, *Chairperson*  
David Told  
Ed Gongaware  
David Halverson  
Gloria Miley

**DOPL STAFF:**

F. David Stanley, *Director*  
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*  
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*  
Katie Tris, *Board Secretary*

**VISITORS:**

Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Tech. College*  
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*  
Wilfred Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*  
Vern Petersen, *International Code Council*

Robert Dudley, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

The February 7, 2007 minutes were presented for approval. David Halverson made a motion to accept the February minutes as written. Gloria Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**LEGISLATION**

According to Halverson, the legislative bill to create a master plumber license classification did not pass. The bill got hung up in the rules committee and was never voted on in the house. The board, industry and associations, in preparation for next year's legislative session, would move forward to educate the state legislators on this piece of legislation.

Dudley asked about the bill that would raise the exemption for handyman from less than one thousand dollars to less than five thousand dollars. Dennis Meservy stated the bill did not pass, but indicated there was a possibility it would resurface again. The board was concerned that if the handyman exemption is raised the licensed contractor would find themselves at a disadvantage. Licensed contractors are required to have liability insurance and pay other associated costs that a handyman does not have to face. Also, the work done by a licensed contractor has to meet code. If not the contractor can be referred by a municipality to the division and action can be taken against their license. Handymen for the most part are not insured. They have a reputation for not getting building permits and the division has no jurisdiction over them.

**REVIEW COMPETENCY  
TEST SCORES FROM  
APPRENTICESHIP  
SCHOOLS**

The board reviewed the competency test results from the different apprenticeship schools. The board asked Katie Tris, the board secretary, to contact Bridgerland. Bridgerland is teaching from a different curriculum and the board wanted to know if Bridgerland is giving their students the same competency test as the other state schools. Tris will give her finding to the board at their next board meeting.

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Wilfred Pierce, with the Salt Lake Community College, discussed a letter that was drafted with the purpose of getting feedback from the plumbing industry through a survey. Those who receive this letter will also have an opportunity to rate the apprenticeship school(s) in their area. Pierce said the information would be used to provide a better curriculum for those students attending state schools.

#### **COLORADO PLUMBING LICENSING RECIPROCAL**

Tris said Colorado is already granting reciprocity to our journeyman plumbers and she has been gathering information to see if our state could reciprocate with Colorado. More information was needed, but it appeared Colorado's plumbing journeyman license was not equivalent. However, it appeared the qualifications for their master plumber were more in line with the qualifications for our journeyman plumber. Tris stated she would follow through to see if Colorado's qualifications did in fact match ours and would report back to the board at their next meeting.

#### **THOMSON PROMETRIC**

Meservy mentioned the board had requested a review of certain sections of the written test. Thomson Prometric, the testing provider, wanted to meet with the board and conduct the review as soon as possible. Meservy indicated the next board meeting was scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>, but he would be unable to attend. It was decided the best time for the board to conduct the review was April 11, 2007. Dudley said the board on April 11<sup>th</sup> would have a short board meeting that would start at 08:30 in the morning. After the board meeting was concluded they as a board would gather to review the test with Thomson Prometric. This test review with Thomson Prometric would not be open to the public.

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The board reviewed the updated Candidate Information testing Bulletin (CIB) from Thomson Prometric. According to Jeffrey Barber of Thomson Prometric, additional changes would be made to the CIB. A new CIB was required for the new test that is going to be launched on August 1, 2007. This included listing the International Mechanical Code as a reference that could be taken into the testing center and dealing with the outdated 1997 Modern Plumbing reference. Halverson made a motion to approve the candidate information bulletin. The motion was seconded by David Told and all members voted in favor of the motion. With the upcoming test review and the scheduled new test in August, the CIB was approved with the understanding that it would later be changed.

**All business concluded, meeting adjourned.**

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

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Board Chairperson Signature

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Date

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Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

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Date